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NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Filing Date Granted

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- The Claim(s) commencing on a separate sheet (37 CFR 1.75(h))
- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - more than one figure is present and each figure is not labeled "Fig." with a consecutive Arabic numeral (1, 2, etc.) or an Arabic numeral and capital letter in the English alphabet (A, B, etc.)(see 37 CFR 1.84(u)(1));
- Abstract must be on a separate sheet.
- The specification contains drawings or flow diagrams (37 CFR 1.58(a)). Formal drawings in accordance with 37 CFR 1.81 should be submitted.

The following item(s) appear to have been omitted from the application:

- Figure(s) A1-A6 described in the specification

I. Should applicant contend that the above-noted omitted item(s) was in fact deposited in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) with the nonprovisional application papers, a copy of this Notice and a petition (and \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h))) with evidence of such deposit **must** be filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice. The petition fee will be refunded if it is determined that the item(s) was received by the USPTO

II. Should applicant desire to supply the omitted item(s) and accept the date that such omitted item(s) was filed in the USPTO as the filing date of the above-identified application, a copy of this Notice, the omitted item(s) (with a supplemental oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 referring to such items), and a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 (with the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h))) requesting the later filing date **must** be filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice.

III. The failure to file a petition (and petition fee) under the above options (I) or (II) within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice (37 CFR 1181(f)) will be treated as a constructive acceptance by the applicant of the application as deposited in the USPTO. **THIS TWO MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b).** In the absence of a timely filed petition in reply to this Notice, the application will maintain a filing date as of the date of deposit of the application papers in the USPTO, and original application papers (i.e., the original disclosure of the invention) will include only those application papers present in the USPTO on the date of deposit.

In the event that applicant elects not to take action pursuant to options, (I) or (II) above (thereby constructively electing option (III)), amendment of the specification to renumber the pages consecutively and cancel incomplete sentences caused by any omitted page(s), and/or amendment of the specification to cancel all references to any omitted drawing(s), relabel the drawing figures to be numbered consecutively (if necessary), and correct the references in the specification to the drawing figures to correspond with any relabelled drawing figures, is required. Any drawing changes should be accompanied by a copy of the drawing figures showing the proposed changes in red ink. Such amendment and/or correction to the drawing figures, if necessary, should be by way of preliminary amendment submitted prior to the first Office action to avoid delays in the prosecution of the application

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*



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PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE

Application Number: 10/060,221
Application Filed: 02/01/2002
Applications: ✓ Clark Cameron Evans
Title: Hybrid widget/layout interface
for structured information
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, District of Columbia 20311

To whom it may concern:

In response to the "Notice to file corrected application papers" please accept my corrected application papers noting the following changes:

1. All references to diagram "BN" was changed to Fig N. where N in 1 to 11. So, for example, B9 was changed to Fig 9.
2. All references to diagram C1 was changed to Fig 11.
3. All lines referencing diagrams A1-A6 were removed.
4. Abstract is now on a separate sheet and claims commence on a separate sheet as well.
5. Strike claim #4 and add claims 10-18. Claim #4 is and independent claim and claims 10-18 include one independent (claim 10) and 7 dependent claims.
6. No other changes have been made.

A few other questions/notes that I would like to convey to the Examiner:

- A. Note that all diagrams provided were given on the CD-ROM at the time of filing and were merely duplicates of those diagrams provided in the provisional patent. They did not print well on the original copy due to a software failure. Also note that an .XML version of the patent was provided in the intial submittal on this CD-ROM. Since this software provided by the PTO does not work all that well, the changes above are provided via hardcopy.
- B. I am not familiar with the patent process and do not have the funds to hire representation. If the claims that I have submitted are not workable; is it possible for the Examiner to draft an alternative set of claims? This would be much apprechiated.
- C. There are several relevant prior art patents, they are:

- 5,715,415 Computer application with help pane...
- 6,237,004 System and method for displaying data using graphical user interface control elements
- 6,222,543 Method for organizing and presenting visual information on a computer screen
- 5,999,948 Dynamic configuration forms in network management software

5,481,667 Method and system for instructing a user of a computer system how to preform application program tasks
6,166,736 Method and apparatus for simultaneously resizing and relocating windows within a display
6,289,347 Data processing system utilizing web forms
6,084,585 System for directly accessing fields on electronic forms
6,310,631 User interface control for creating split panes in a single window
5,450,538 Graphical user interface control for expansion and resizing of data fields in forms
6,073,144 Document editor for linear and space efficient representation of hierarchical documents
5,892,510 Field objects and a method for developing a graphical user interface containin the field objects

There are many other tangential patents, but none which hit upon the current innovation.

D. Thank you

Kind Regards,

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